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US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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Re: Milam Landfill

Dear Mark:

This letter attempts to set forth the present state of affairs with regard to the Milam Landfill in the wake of the November 22, 1985 meeting in Springfield.

A. Monitoring Wells

1. Number

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) and the Attorney General's Office of the State of Illinois are in agreement that the number (8) of additional monitoring wells proposed by SCA Services of Illinois ("SCA") for installation at the Milam Landfill, when taken together with the twelve monitoring wells installed during the spring of 1985, are sufficient in number to monitor the degree, if any, of contamination this site contributes to the regional groundwater.

It is further the understanding of all parties, that upon the installation of the new monitoring well system, the Consent Decree will govern additional activity concerning contamination assessment or monitoring. Specifically, under the terms of the Consent Decree, the subject of additional action with regard to groundwater at the site will await the study of data obtained during the sampling and analysis program. Barring an unforeseen catastrophe, the Agency will not require or request the installation of wells except in accordance with the Consent Decree.

2. Location

All parties are in agreement that the location of the additional wells, as proposed by Bill McTigue and modified by

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submission of the contamination assessment report. We propose setting a date of June 1, 1986.

B. Closure Plan for Phase II-B

In your letter of November 5, 1985, you indicated that the Phase II (B) closure plan could be tentatively approved prior to the submission of the supplemental permit application, depending upon the sufficiency of the November 8 proposal. At the November 22 meeting Linda Kissinger raised various questions regarding the closure plan which, as we understand, will be addressed and resolved prior to the submittal of the supplemental permit application.

C. Summary

SCA has agreed to submit a supplemental permit application by February 1, 1986, which will propose to replace the old groundwater monitoring well system with the new well system, comprising the twelve existing wells and the eight additional wells. These eight additional wells will be installed as soon as practicable, taking into consideration the availability of construction materials and weather conditions. The supplemental permit application will also include a Phase II(B) Closure Plan. It is the understanding of SCA that this proposed schedule constitutes an adequate response to the concerns raised in the Agency's Compliance Inquiry Letter of September 5, 1985. It is further our understanding that a supplemental permit application containing the number, location, and construction details of the monitoring wells discussed above, and the analytical parameters to be selected in January 1986, will be approved by the Agency. With such approval, the subject of additional monitoring activities at the Milam Landfill will be guided by the Consent Decree.

If any part of this letter is inconsistent with your or the Agency's view of the present state of affairs, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

  
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